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SUBJ: SERIOUS FIRE IN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FBO # 01104

SUMMARY: A SERIOUS FIRE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 6 PARTIALLY DESTROYED BUILDING. NO INJURIES. FIRE UNDER CONTROL AS OF 1630 LOCAL.

1. A FIRE BROKE OUT ON THE ROOF OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FBO # 01104 AT APPROXIMATELY 1445 LOCAL. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF CAUSE IS SHORT CIRCUIT IN ATTIC. HOWEVER, THAT NOT YET CONFIRMED AS BUILDING STILL SMOLDERING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO ANY U.S. OR LOCAL PERSONNEL.

2. FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH LATER ASSISTANCE OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FROM INTER-NATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO LACK OF WATER. EMBASSY SECURITY PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON SCENE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL OF FIRE FIGHTERS. BELATED NOTIFICATION TO EMBASSY DUE TO FACT SWITCHBOARD OUT OF ORDER (REFTEL 7205) NO SECURITY COMPROMISE NOTED BY RSO WHO IS ON SCENE.
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3. VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO BUILDING IS $35,000. DAMAGE TO FURNITURE IN EXCESS OF $10,000. FORTY PERCENT OF ROOF BURNED OUT. MOST OF SECOND FLOOR, RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS, SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. WATER, SMOKE AND HEAT DAMAGE EXISTS THROUGHOUT FIRST FLOOR.

4. SIXTY PERCENT OF ART IN EMBASSY COLLECTION SUFFERING SMOKE DAMAGE. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEANING AND PRE-SERVING THESE WORKS OF ART.

5. AMBASSADOR WILL SPEND THIS EVENING AT DCM RESIDENCE PENDING ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES AND FURTHER PLANS. WE ARE REACTIVATING THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD POST # 3 AT THE DCM RESIDENCE.

6. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE LOCAL PRESS INTEREST.
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